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TAGS: CASC(YODER AND HERSCHBERGER)

SUBJECT: W/W YODER AND HERSCHBERGER

REF: QUITO 7509 AND PREVIOUS

1. IDA YODER VISITED DEPARTMENT AFTERNOON OCTOBER 29 EXPRESSING PROFOUND FEAR FOR SAFETY OF YODER FAMILY AND FOR SAFETY OF RICK (RICHARD MARIN) NOW IN ECUADOR, WHEREABOUTS KNOWN TO CONSUL RICHARDSON. IDA REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT APPRISE QUITO OF DEVELOPMENTS OUTLINED BELOW AS SHE FEARS FOR SAFETY OF ALL CONCERNED WITH CASE INCLUDING CONSUL RICHARDSON AND RICHARD MARIN. SHE FURTHER REQUESTS CONSUL RICHARDSON TO WARN MARIN OF POSSIBLE TRANS NATIONAL INSTITUTE INVOLVEMENT.

2. MS. YODER STATES :

(A) PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR TRAVELED TO MONTREAL AND INTERVIEWED MAXIMO. MAXIMO DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF YODER AND HERSCHBERGER BY NAME AND THEN DENIED KNOWING THEM AFTER SEEING PHOTOS. WHEN QUERIED AS TO SOURCE OF DOLS
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1000 HE OBTAINED ON MAY 18 HE GAVE NAME OF FORMER EMPLOYER

IN FRANCE. WHILE INTERVIEWING MAXIMO INVESTIGATOR OBTAINED NAME OF MARCO COLISH (PHOENETIC) FROM MAXIMO'S BOOK OF FRIENDS AND CONTACTS. MARCO ALLEGEDLY FROM PUERTO RICO, IS PRESENTLY IN FRANCE ASSOCIATED WITH TRANS NATIONAL INSTITUTE (A GROUP ALLEGEDLY BEING INVESTIGATED IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT KILLINGS OF FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON).

(B) DR. OMAR YODER PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT MONEY AND ABOUT MARCO TO INTERPOL IN PARIS EARLY THIS WEEK. HE WAS INFORMED THAT FORMER EMPLOYER ACKNOWLEDGES SENDING MONEY TO MAXIMO IN ECUADOR FOR HIS USE IN RETURNING TO FRANCE. EMPLOYER ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHY MAXIMO FAILED RETURN TO FRANCE AND THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE MAXIMO WAS PRESENTLY IN PERU. ALSO STATED THAT MAXIMO HAD TOLD HIM HE HAD TAKEN TWO AMERICANS TO THE JUNGLE AND LEFT THEM. INTERPOL ALSO AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MARCO COLISH FOR QUESTIONING RE DISAPPEARANCE OF YODER/HERSCHBERGER. INTERPOL HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS WAS BOMBED SHORTLY AFTER YODER CONVERSATION OUTLINED.

(C) SHE BELIEVES THAT HER HOME TELEPHONE AND PERHAPS HER OFFICE TELEPHONE ARE QUOTE BUGGED UNQUOTE. ALSO SHE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 28) FROM SOMEONE REPRESENTING HIMSELF AS AN INTERPOL AGENT WHO SHE NOW BELIEVES WAS NOT FROM INTERPOL. MS. YODER LEFT DEPARTMENT TO GO TO INTERPOL TO TRY TO CLARIFY IDENTITY OF CALLER. KISSINGER

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